Hoover Terms Panthers 'Most Dangerous' Group

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover yesterday called the Black Panthers "the most dangerous and violence prone of all extremist groups" but said the Weathermen have emerged "as a principal force guiding the country's violence-prone young militants."

Hoover reported on activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the fiscal year that ended June 30. The Justice Department summarized his report in a 22-page news release.

"Despite its record of hate, violence and subversion," Hoover said, "the Black Panther Party continues to receive substantial monetary contributions from prominent donors. With these funds, its representatives have been able to travel widely and make frequent public appearances at colleges, universities and even secondary schools.

"In this way, they are able to spread their doctrine of hate and revolution and further aggravate the volatile situation on our campuses."

Hoover said foreign influence are "making inroads in certain black extremist groups in the United States, particularly the Black Panther Party." He said Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, now living in Algiers as a fugitive from parole violation charges in California, has developed close ties with Al Fatah, the Arab guerrilla organization.

"This relationship has influenced the Panthers to a point where they have issued a flood of anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic propaganda," Hoover said.

"The Black Panthers have also made it a point to praise the government of North Korea on many occasions, to criticize United States 'imperialism' in the Orient, and to brag that the party is now recognized by such 'revolutionary governments' as North Vietnam, North Korea and Cuba," Hoover said.

Weatherman policy, he said, "continues to openly support the enemies of our country." The group is "in the forefront of much of the activity deliberately calculated to provoke violent confrontations," Hoover added.

The Weatherman group has been described by the FBI as an "extremely activist and violence prone" off-shoot of the Students for a Democratic Society. It has between 500 and 1,000 adherents, most of them attached to "communes" in New York, California, Illinois, Ohio and Washington state.

In a summary of campus protest, Hoover said there were 1,785 demonstrations during the year, 8 persons were killed, nearly 7,200 arrests were made and damages exceeded $9.5 million.

Hoover said student committees on numerous campuses plan to encourage support of candidates opposed to Nixon administration policies "and will insist that schools be closed for a period so that students will be free to participate in this activity."

Hoover said the Communist Party of the USA has launched a drive to attract young members through a youth subsidiary, "Young Workers Liberation League."

"Communist leaders see this new group as the hope of the future, and through it they hope to attract young people as recruits to close the generation gap that exists today in the party," he said. "This is regarded as a definite step forward since the party had no effective youth organization and was steadily losing potential recruits to some of the more militant youth groups."

Swimmer Loses Suit and Race

BERLIN, July 13 (UPI) —Modesty cost swimming star Gabriele Wetzko the chance to win the 200-meter freestyle at the East German swimming championships in Brandenburg, the East German News agency reported.

After 10 meters an "unusual mishap" befell Miss Wetzko. Her bathing suit began to come off.

"She had to give up," the news agency said.

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